

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, and 15 as follows:

1. ~~(Amended) A coin counting machine, comprising:~~

a coin discriminator sensor;

a coin hopper having a container for receiving a plurality of coins, and a feed for feeding the coins in the container to the coin discriminator sensor;

al a controller for calculating a monetary value of said coins responsive to said coin discriminator sensor, said controller being adapted to conduct a financial transaction with a remote computer for an amount including at least said monetary value of said coins; and

a transport device for transporting the coins from a user to the container at a controlled flow rate, said flow rate being a function of a quantity of coins in the container.

3. (Amended) A coin counting machine, comprising:

a coin discriminator sensor;

a coin hopper having a container for receiving a plurality of coins, and a feed for feeding the coins in the container to the coin discriminator sensor;

a controller for calculating a monetary value of said coins responsive to said coin discriminator sensor;

a transport device for transporting the coins from a user to the container at a controlled flow rate, said flow rate being a function of a quantity of coins in the container;

wherein the controller causes the container to dispense debris therefrom after all the coins have been extracted from the container by the feed; and

[The coin counter of claim 2] wherein said feed comprises a moveable backplate [bias] biased toward the container and a circular disc rotatably mounted to the moveable backplate, and said controller causes the container to dispense the debris by moving the moveable backplate away from the container.

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29. (Amended) A coin counting machine, comprising:

a coin discriminator sensor;

a coin hopper having a container for receiving a plurality of coins, and a feed for feeding the coins in the container to the coin discriminator sensor;

a controller for calculating a monetary value of said coins responsive to said coin discriminator sensor;

a transport device for transporting the coins from a user to the container at a controlled flow rate, said flow rate being a function of a quantity of coins in the container;

03 a coin input tray for receiving said coins from the user and coupling said received coins to the transport device, [The coin machine of claim 8] wherein said coin input tray is adapted to couple coins to the transport device by lifting one end of the input tray, and further comprising a lock down mechanism to selectively prohibit the lifting of said one end of the input tray.

10. (Amended) ~~A coin counting machine, comprising:~~

~~a coin discriminator sensor;~~

~~a coin hopper having a container for receiving a plurality of coins, and a feed for feeding the coins in the container to the coin discriminator sensor;~~

~~a controller for calculating a monetary value of said coins responsive to said coin discriminator sensor, said controller causing the container to dispense debris therefrom after all the coins have been extracted from the container by the feed, and said controller being adapted to conduct a financial transaction with a remote computer for an amount including at least said monetary value of said coins.~~

3 11. (Amended) A coin counting machine, comprising:

a coin discriminator sensor;

Q3 a coin hopper having a container for receiving a plurality of coins, and a feed for feeding the coins in the container to the coin discriminator sensor;

a controller for calculating a monetary value of said coins responsive to said coin discriminator sensor, said controller causing the container to dispense debris therefrom after all the coins have been extracted from the container by the feed;

[The coin counter of claim 9] wherein said feed comprises a moveable backplate [bias] biased toward the container and a circular disc rotatably mounted to said moveable backplate, and said controller causes the container to dispense the debris by moving the moveable backplate away from the container.

15. ~~(Amended) A multi-transactional coin machine, comprising:~~

~~a coin counting module for counting a plurality of coins, and calculating a monetary value therefor;~~

Q4 ~~a user interface for selecting one of a plurality of financial transactions;~~  
~~and~~

~~a controller [for generating instructions for] adapted to communicate messages with a remote terminal associated with a selected financial transaction, said [instructions] messages comprising a command to apply [the] at least a portion of a calculated monetary value of the coins to [the selected one of the transactions] said selected financial transaction.~~